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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : Saunders, Jeffrey O., et al.
Application No. : 10/671,967
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For : INHIBITORS OF IMPDH ENZYME
Group Art Unit : 1621
Examiner : Shailendra Kumar

New York, New York
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

This is in response to the September 19, 2005 Office Action in the above-identified application. Applicants have filed concurrently herewith a Petition and paid the appropriate fee to extend the time for response to that action for a period of three (3) months, up to and including March 19, 2006. (37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), 1.17(c)(3)). Because March 19, 2006 falls on a Sunday, applicants may submit this response on the next business day. (37 C.F.R. §1.7(a)). Thus, this response is timely filed.

Kindly amend the above-identified application as follows:

Listing of Claims begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 10 of this paper.